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1. Ana Pauker recently underwent operation for the removal of a malignant tumor of the right kidney. The chief surgeon was Dr. N. Hortolomei, who was assisted by two Soviet physicians and another Rumanian, Dr. Burghilea.\*
2. Although rumors of Ana Pauker's illness have been rampant for months, it has been ascertained that Pauker has not been seen in public for several weeks and that all important official business is now being transacted at her home rather than at the Foreign Office building.

25X1A6a \* [REDACTED] Comment: Dr. N. Hortolomei, a surgeon and professor at the University of Bucharest, resides at Thomas Masaryk strada 34. No Dr. Burghilea is listed as residing in Bucharest; however, there is a Dr. Theodor Burghiele at Pia Bratianu strada 4.

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